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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
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Toshiaki MASUDA et al. :  
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Serial No.: New – (National Phase of :  
PCT/JP2004/016940) :  
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International filing date: November 15, 2004 :  
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For: THERMALLY EXPANDED :  
MICROSPHERE, PROCESS FOR :  
PRODUCING THE SAME, THERMALLY :  
EXPANDABLE MICROSPHERE AND :  
USE THEREOF :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper;

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18 of this paper.